Both sides underscored the need for visa liberalization. In this context, useful discussions were held on draft Visa Agreement. The Indian side would propose a draft Visa Agreement within four weeks, based on parameters discussed.

Both sides agreed that the issue of inadvertent crossers be viewed from a humanitarian dimension and recommended early finalizatlon of the draft agreement regarding inadvertent crossings by the expert group on Conventional CBMs which is due to meet soon.

Both sides noted that Protocol of 1974 on visits to religious shrines was due for revision along with lists of religious shrines in both countries. The subject will be discussed under the segment of Secretary Culture level talks on Promotion of Friendly Exchanges which is likely to take place soon. It was recommended that a revised Protocol and the list of shrines should be finalized as early as possible and the Pakistan side agreed to furnish its comments on the lists before the talks on Friendly Exchanges.

Both sides assessed as positive the existing cooperation and information sharing between the Anti Narcotics Force of Pakistan and the Narcotics Control Bureau of India and agreed that both Agencies would enhance mutual cooperation in terms of effective and sustained steps to control drugs trafficking.

The MoU on Drug Demand Reduction and Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotics Drugs/Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemicals and related Matters, was initialled. Both sides welcomed this development and agreed that the MoU will further promote bilateral cooperation this field. It was agreed that Director General ANF of Pakistan and Director General of NCB of India will meet as early as possible to discuss ways of furthering cooperation.

It was decided that the Federal Investigation Agency of Pakistan and the Central Bureau of Investigation of India will schedule a meeting at an early date to discuss ways of cooperation in addressing the issues of human trafficking, illegal immigration, and counterfeit currency, along with Red Corner Notices (RCN) subjects.

The Home Secretary of India also called on the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Interior/Minister and discussed issues of mutual interest.

It was agreed to continue the discussions within the frameWork of the Composite Dialogue.

Islamabad
November 26, 2008

Committee to evaluate threat to oil installation

1777. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formed a Committee to evaluate the threat to the oil installation and prepared a blueprint for energy security in view of the intelligence reports threatening the same;

(b) if so, whether the intelligence reports indicated that all oil installations in the country will be blasted;

(c) if so, to what extent the panel has taken measures;

(d) whether this panel is also considering to meet the threat of all the terror activities and bomb explosions that occurred in the country; and

(e) if so, the steps suggested and how far they have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Extremists attacks in Mumbai

1778. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were serious extremists attacks in Mumbai from 26th November, 2008 which were unprecedented and a large number of people died and injured including some foreigners;

(b) if so, whether there is any involvement of foreign countries in this particular incident;

(c) whether Government has taken up this issue with various foreign countries including our neighbour and also U.S.A. *etc.*; and

(d) if so, what action Government has taken alongwith with these countries to meet the situation arising out of this incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) A series of terrorist attacks involving indiscriminate firing, throwing of grenades and bomb blasts at 13 locations, including Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Leopold Cafe, Taj Hotel, Oberoi-Trident Hotel and a building called 'Nariman House, took place in Mumbai between 26 and 29 November, 2008. 164 persons including 18 police and security force personnel and 26 foreign nationals were killed and 308 persons were injured in these attacks. Besides, 9 terrorists all Pakistani nationals, were killed in the operations by the security forces, and 1 terrorist was apprehended. Information gathered, so far, during the course of investigations indicates the direct involvement of a Pakistan based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Toiba in these attacks. Further investigations are continuing and the investigating and intelligence agencies are in touch with their counterparts in some other countries concerned.

The Government has taken up the matter strongly with Pakistan and asked them to take visible and concrete steps against the terrorist outfits based in Pakistan and PoK. The Government has also taken up this issue at the international level to forge a consensus for strong